

**ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides Chordin-Like (CHL) polypeptides and nucleic acid molecules encoding the same. The invention also provides selective binding agents, vectors, host cells, and methods for producing CHL polypeptides.

- 5 The invention further provides pharmaceutical compositions and methods for the diagnosis, treatment, amelioration, and/or prevention of diseases, disorders, and conditions associated with CHL polypeptides.